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I am writing to urge you to reject any proposal that would undermine network neutrality and destroy the Internet as we know it.

Repealing network neutrality would put more power into the hands of large corporations such as large Internet service providers including Verizon, AT&T, as well as my former employer: Comcast. I quit working at Comcast because it was such a horrible company that even wearing their logo while out in public caused me to attract unwanted negative attention due to Comcast's despicable business practices. These types of corporations thrive while they stifle innovation, and obstruct everyday users from enjoying content online.

Without Internet freedom, certain services may be blocked or slowed due to discriminatory practices that put startups and small businesses at a disadvantage. I currently work at a small business (Sneaker Villa; <https://www.ruvilla.com/>) which depends upon the Internet to do business. It would be outrageous if large Internet service providers (which have little to no competition in most regions) are able to slow down network traffic as they see fit. For example, without network neutrality, Comcast could easily choose to slow down network traffic to my employers website while also favoring and increasing the speed for users of Foot Lockers (our competitors) website.

Furthermore, lack of network neutrality would open the door to the arbitrary censorship of online content by large corporations - allowing corporate executives to determine what you see when you go online.

If the FCC overturns network neutrality, routine parts of one's day, such as streaming a video or reading articles online, could be out of reach for millions due to higher costs and slower load times.

Equal access to the Internet is not just about preserving our right to stay up to date with the latest viral story. Throughout the years, the Internet has evolved into a public commons where essential information is stored and individuals can communicate and collaborate beyond the limitations of geography.

Please do all in your power to protect equal access to the Internet and uphold network neutrality in the United States.

Sincerely,

Eric O'Callaghan